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**APRIL PROCLAIMED FAIR HOUSING EDUCATION MONTH IN HAWAII**

HONOLULU – The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) joined federal, city and county officials as Lt. Governor James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr. presented a proclamation by Governor Linda Lingle declaring April as Fair Housing Education Month in Hawai‘i.

“As the state continues to work collaboratively with the private sector and non-profit organizations to increase affordable housing in the state, we also need to ensure that all residents have equal access to housing opportunities,” said Lt. Governor Aiona.

“In this time of high housing demand, it is important that the residents of Hawai‘i know their rights as tenants and prospective tenants,” said Stephanie Aveiro, executive director of HCDCH. “We appreciate the collaboration of our partners in organizing workshops around the state.”

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) are enforcement agencies for fair housing in Hawai‘i. HCDCH, the City and County of Honolulu, the Counties of Hawai‘i, Kaua‘i, and Maui are also partners for fair housing.

The above partners have arranged for free fair housing education workshops for the public throughout the month of April—

**City and County of Honolulu:**

- Thursday, April 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Maui Room
  - Friday, April 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Maui Room
- Michael Shiroma, City & County of Honolulu Fair Housing Officer, (808) 527-5312  
Patti Miyamoto, State’s Fair Housing Officer (808) 832-6012

**Maui County:**

- Friday, April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Maui Community College
- Tony Bajinting, Maui County Fair Housing Officer, (808) 270-7157

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**Kaua'i County:**

•Friday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kaua'i County Housing Agency Pi'ikoi Meeting Room

Fay Rapozo, Kaua'i County Fair Housing Officer, (808) 241-4433

The workshops will highlight the Fair Housing Act of 1968, protected classes, discrimination and more. R.S.V.P.s are needed. Please contact the appropriate fair housing officer for more details.

Fair Housing workshops were held earlier this week in Kona and Hilo. Contact Jeremy McComber, Hawai'i County Fair Housing Officer at (808) 961-8379 for more information on Big Island housing.

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